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Hello, Dave Kimmett –

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has reviewed the documents associated with the Delores Canyon Solar, LLC Project, located approximately 3 miles northeast of Cahone, in Delores County, Colorado. The Service requires no permits for the proposed project, no listed species are known to be within the project area. Further, no consultation is necessary regarding the location with the Gunnison Sage Grouse Habitats as there is no federal nexus.

Upon review of the 2020 avian suitable habitat assessment you provided, most of the area does not support suitable habitat for the Gunnison Sage Grouse or the Virginia Warbler, as such, we do not expect impacts to these species or their habitats to be significant. However, a conservation recommendation for the Virginia Warbler would be not to remove nesting habitat during the nesting season of May through August, more information can be found [here](#).

We appreciate your efforts to ensure the conservation of threatened and endangered species. Thank you for contacting us and please let me know if you have any further questions. I can be reached at 970-628-7183 or at Kathleen_gissing@fws.gov.

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